

## CHARLES J. MURRAY

THE spirited report of steeplechasing is that in which Mr. Charles J. Murray, of Cayuga, delights. He is a Canadian by birth, being a son of Mr. Joseph Murray, a well-known business man in the Haldimand town. From his early boyhood, Mr. "Charles" showed a fondness for the cross-country horses, and left home at an early age to follow it up. He has never left the amateur ranks as rider, although he won many events in the saddle in his younger days. Mr. Murray is loyal to the old town and trains and winters his string in his boyhood home.

He has always paid more attention to the leppers than to any other class of thoroughbreds, schooling and educating them himself. When he sends a horse to the post, its fitness and readiness are assured, for he is considered thorough and severe in his mode of training. The first mount that Mr. Murray ever had was the mare Nora, owned by J. R. Martin, with which he was eminently successful. From that time he has won many of the big stakes at various tracks.

Some of the horses owned by the subject of this sketch, which will be remembered by Canadians, are Three Bars, the winner of several events and the sire of some winners; Dulcian, who won the Grand National Steeplechase event at the Blue Bonnets track, at Montreal; Merrymaker, the largest winner of any lepper raced over the Kenilworth track; J.G.C., who was named after the well-known turfman, John G. Cavanagh, of New York. Besides these Canadian winners, Mr. Murray has owned several good ones that are known only on the tracks of the United States. Mr. Murray has won not only success, but popularity also, by his plucky and sportsmanlike bearing.

